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Re: Microsoft Settlement

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Attached is a letter of my opinion of Microsoft Settlement. We should finalized  
the settlement and move forward.

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January 14, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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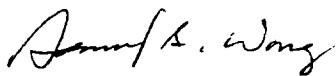
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. I think the settlement is fair and should be finalized as soon as possible.

A number of terms in the settlement are particularly effective in reducing Microsoft's ability to strong-arm its opponents. First, agreeing to design future Windows versions so that computer makers and software developers can promote their own products is a very fair concession. Also, the fact that Microsoft has agreed to form a three-person team that will monitor accordance with settlement shows Microsoft's willingness to appease all parties. And finally, Microsoft's disclosure of internal interfaces will allow competitors to have the ability to create products compatible with Windows and therefore eliminate Microsoft's ability to keep out the competition.

I think it is in best interest of the states to settle now too as soon as possible especially since our economy is ailing and our IT sector's growth has slowed to turtle's crawl. I urge your office to take a proactive stand on this and let Microsoft be on it way.

Sincerely,



Sam Wong

cc: Representative Henry Hyde